

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3145 - SB 3538

February 22, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires notification of a petition for the termination of parental rights in certain circumstances. Creates an additional venue for which the petition may be filed and requires that proof of the legal grounds and best interest of the child are presented in default judgments for termination of parental rights.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), the proposed revisions to the termination of parental rights process will provide for a more expedient permanency process for children in state custody resulting in a decrease in state expenditures estimated to be not significant.
- Any cost will not have a significant impact on DCS and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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